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MEDIA ADVISORY

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to Join Officials at Press Conference Announcing a Campaign to Help Victims of Sex Trafficking

What: Press Conference

When: 9:00 a.m., Monday, February 10, 2014

Who: Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe

Mayor Eric Garcetti

City Council Member Nury Martinez

City Attorney Mike Feuer

Advocates from the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking

The National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles

Survivors of Sex Trafficking

Where: National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles

543 North Fairfax Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90036

Background: Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas will join Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, Mayor Eric Garcetti, City Council Member Nury Martinez and City Attorney Mike Feuer at a press conference in support of Senate Bill 1193, the Anti-Human Trafficking Implementation Project, which requires mass transit hubs, emergency rooms, liquor stores and other establishments display a poster with information about human trafficking, including the hotline numbers to the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST) and the National Human Trafficking Resource Center.

According to the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, human trafficking, is a \$32 billion industry that is second only to drugs in terms of criminal enterprise. Los Angeles is a top destination for human trafficking according to the FBI. SB1193 Anti-Human Trafficking Implementation Project includes six coalition partners: Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST), the National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles, OASIS USA, Jewish Labor Committee Western Region, T'ruah and Gibson, Dunn, Crutcher LLP.

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